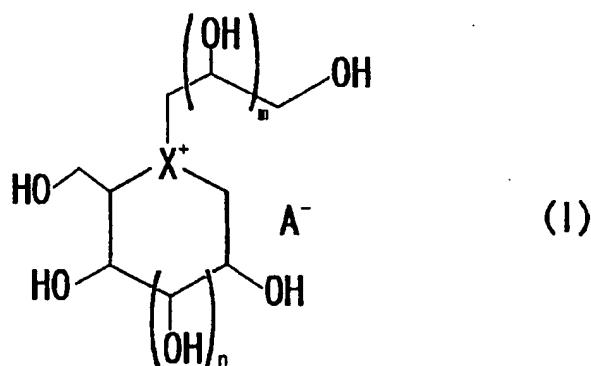


IN THE CLAIMS:

The following claim listing, marked to show deletions and additions, will replace all prior claim listings

1. (*Currently Amended*) Cyclic onium compounds represented by the following structural formula (I)



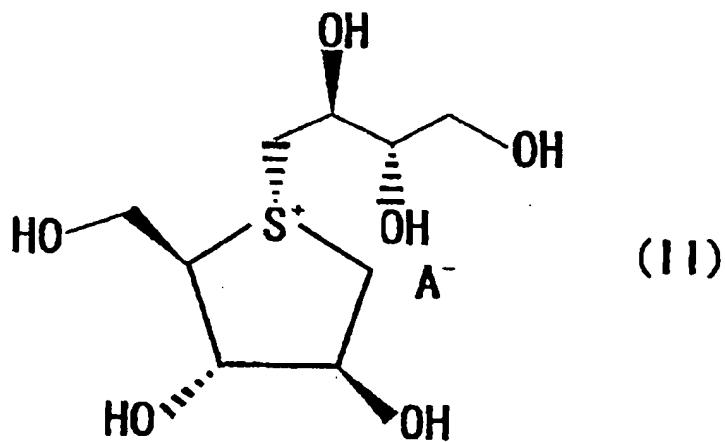
wherein A^- is an anion; m is an integer between 1 and 6, n is 0 or 1, and X^+ is S^+ or N^+Q (where Q is H or an alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms).

2. (*Currently Amended*) Cyclic onium compounds according to claim 1 wherein m is 2 or 5 and n is 0.

3. (*Cancelled*)

4. (*Original*) Cyclic onium compounds represented by the following

structural formula (II):



wherein A^- is an anion.

5. (*Original*) Cyclic onium compounds according to any of claims 1, 2, or 4 wherein A^- is selected from the group consisting of halogen ions, Lewis acid ions, $R^1-SO_3^-$ (wherein R^1 is an alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or an alkyl halide), and $R^2-OSO_3^-$ (wherein R^2 is an alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms).

6. (*Currently Amended*) Cyclic onium compounds according to claim 1-3 wherein A^- is selected from the group consisting of halogen ions, anions originating from Lewis acid, $R^1-SO_3^-$ (wherein R^1 is an alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or an alkyl halide), or $R^2-OSO_3^-$ (wherein R^2 is an alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms).

7. (*Original*) Cyclic onium compounds according to claim 5 wherein A⁻ is CH₃-OSO₃⁻ or Cl⁻.

8. (*Original*) Cyclic onium compounds according to claim 6 wherein A⁻ is CH₃-OSO₃⁻ or Cl⁻.

9. - 14. (*Cancelled*)

15. (*Currently Amended*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing a glucosidase inhibitor according to any of claims 1, 2 or 4 ~~claim 9~~.

16. (*Currently Amended*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing the glucosidase inhibitor according to claim 1 ~~10~~.

17. (*Currently Amended*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing the glucosidase inhibitor according to claim 5 ~~11~~.

18. (*Currently Amended*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing the glucosidase inhibitor according to claim 6 ~~12~~.

19. (*Currently Amended*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing the glucosidase inhibitor according to claim 5 ~~13~~.

20. (*Original*) Antidiabetic drugs or food containing the glucosidase inhibitor according to claim 8 14.

21. (*New*) The cyclic onium compound of claim 1 wherein m is an integer between 2 and 5.